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FOR: APPARATUS FOR APPLYING AND REMOVING CLOSING MEANS FROM AN
END PORTION OF A TUBULAR ELEMENT AND THE USE THEREOF IN
PERITONEAL DIALYSIS

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 4, 2008, consideration of the following amendments and remarks are respectfully requested. Applicant petitions for a three-month extension in the period for response; the required fee is attached. If any fee is required to fully consider this response, Applicant authorizes the fee (or any deficiency therein) to be charged to Deposit Account 14-1140 under Order No. 4865-90.

An amended portion of the **specification** is presented on page 2.

The **claims** are presented on pages 3-8.

Claim 1 is amended.

Claims 9-10 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Remarks begin on page 9.